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Bringing the Green Aruba agenda to island youth Green Education Symposium Aruba 2012

On the final afternoon of Green Aruba Conference 2012, two students from the University of Aruba, Esther Gomez and Tyson Lopez, addressed Aruba's leaders with the message, "Make us (Aruba's youth) an active part of the equation in attaining a Carbon Free Aruba by 2020."

Aruba's leaders take that sentiment very seriously, as was made evident on Monday morning, October 8, during the opening of the two-day Green Education Symposium at the Renaissance Convention Center.



Secondary school youngsters from a number of institutions were bussed in for two days in. Special Guest speakers presented ideas as to what a new generation can do to get involved in the movement. Practical methods towards projects for engaging and educating the community by youth were presented, Guest lecturers were Kaeti Stoss, her father, Professor Fred Stoss, Ab Schelling of the Caribbean Branch Office of TNO, a Dutch, energy/technology think tank, now with an office on Aruba.

Prior to their presentations, the hundreds of island teens from Aruba's EPI, professional training institute and other schools were welcomed by Aruba's Minister of Finance, Communications, Utilities and Energy, Mike de

Meza, as well as Prime Minister Mike Eman. They both spoke passionately of their pride in Aruba youth, and their certainty the next generation has "the right stuff," to keep the island on a fast track to sustainability.

Minister de Meza told the students "We and the world are facing many challenges, and it is important we do so. We need a system that is based on smart choices, so we have a sustainable future. You (the youth) should get engaged in this, because it is important for the future of Aruba, your future and that of your children... The world is in a crisis right now, and you have the intelligence, the know how and eagerness to make these necessary changes."

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Romney surges as White House race narrows

Akron, Ohio (AFP) - Republican Mitt Romney surged into the lead in national opinion polls of the White House race on Tuesday, his reward for beating President Barack Obama in last week's first head-to-head debate.

As both candidates arrived in perennial kingmaker state Ohio, top Obama aides put a brave face on the president's slide, four weeks from election day, insisting they had always known his re-election bid would be tough.

A flurry of new polls

Tuesday showed the delayed impact of Romney's debate triumph in Denver.

For the first time since he accepted the Republican Party nomination, Romney topped the widely-read poll of polls conducted by the RealClearPolitics website, albeit by only 0.7 points.

And he led Obama by two points in daily tracking polls by Gallup and Investors Business Daily. The pair were tied in another tracking poll by Rasmussen, with both on 48 percent.

Nevertheless, national polls predicting the result of the popular vote are only one reflection of the race and campaign chieftains are more interested in the eight or so swing states that will decide the election.

Obama is up in most battlegrounds, though full data is yet to emerge on local races following the debate.

And in a welcome respite for the president's camp, struggling to shake off the fallout of last week's listless debate performance, a CNN/ORC poll showed Obama holding steady in Ohio.

Obama led by 51 to 47 percent among likely voters in the state, which no Republican has lost while winning the White House and which the Obama camp sees as a huge step toward the 270 electoral votes needed to win on November 6.

The focus of the race is increasingly turning to Thursday's debate clash between Vice President Joe Biden and Romney's running mate Paul Ryan, which is seen as key to Obama's hopes of checking Romney's sudden surge.



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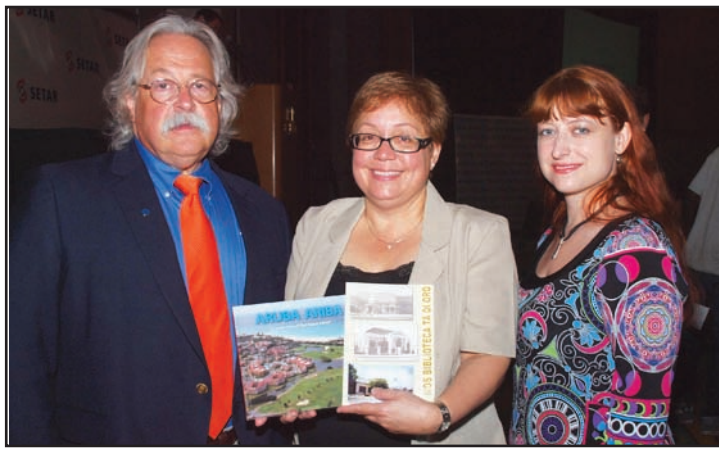
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Bringing the Green Aruba agenda to island youth...

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He reminded them the average age of the technicians that put a man on the moon for the first time was 26 years old. "Don't underestimate your capacity, simply because you are young. You will be the driving force for change."

Prime Minister Eman reminded them that young

Arubans are out in the world participating in dramatic projects and making world news; Arubans only a few years older than those attending the symposium, who came from exactly where they are now. "You, not us," he told the students, "will make it possible by 2020 that we can say to the world that

Aruba is first nation to be totally dependent on renewable energy...It might be a little bit farfetched for such a small island...if we look at the University of TU Delft, we will see pioneers and leaders in these teams who are young Arubans...Javier Sint Jago and Andrew Hagens. So my friends, in this hall, we have the Edward Cheungs who leading NASA, the Javier Sint Jagos, who are leading the NUNA research...yes, indeed, in this hall, we have a Barack Obama."

The event was organized by Astrid Britten, Director, and Ronnie Alders of Aruba's National Library. The event was sponsored exclusively by SETAR NV, Aruba's national telecommunications company. SETAR NV Director Roland Croes expressed his sincere hope that island companies will achieve a "21st Century state of mind," always remembering that com-

panies are made up of people who need policies and motivation to do the best job they can. Providing employees opportunity for creativity, "autonomy," with faith in their expertise and integrity, and the tools to achieve mastery of their field, is paramount. "Lastly, but most importantly, is work that employees feel has purpose and makes them feel fulfilled."

It is the belief of SETAR and the Aruban Government that technological industries dedicated to harnessing renewable energies, could very well provide these kinds of careers for island youth. There is also the aspect of them going beyond Aruba's borders to educate other islands on how to become oil independent, which could be an industry on its own, and a new pillar of Aruba's economy.

Guest speaker Kaeti Stoss is a New York certified teacher in Earth Science and Special Education with a Masters of Science in Teaching in the Geosciences (TIG) Program. She outlined several successful projects initiated by school groups to improve their campus' energy performance and educate the community.

A commitment to a carbon-free nation includes the participation of the public. It

relies not only on the government and utilities ministry's efforts to see that energy for the island comes from renewable sources, Consumer production of carbon emissions is also a factor, which can be alleviated by the switch to electric cars. Divi and Renaissance resorts already use solar-charged electric trams for transporting guests from one section to another. The public tram for Oranjestad that should be operating by the end of the year will be electric, charged by solar panels.

Elthon Lampe of Elmar NV, Aruba's distributors of current, spoke on the money saving advantages of electric cars, which are much cheaper to run than gas. Import tariffs on electric cars have been lowered drastically to encourage dealerships and make them more affordable. At Monday's symposium, he was talking to a group that might be buying their first car within the next few years. Policies are being put in place to make the option of it buying electric feasible and more affordable.

Ab Schelling of TNO Caribbean discussed "Building up Local Know How on Aruba," and Friderick Stoss, of the Oscar A. Silverman Library at the University of Buffalo, New York talked about "CEESEd: Grabbing Sustainable Ideas in Schools."

The morning ended with an exchange of gifts between BNA Director Astrid Britten and Fred and Kaeti Stoss of books. The father and daughter received two photo rich chronicles of historic and modern Aruba, while the library was gifted several tomes regarding ecology and protecting the environment.

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Chavez backs Assad again, blames US for war

CARACAS (AFP) - President Hugo Chavez vowed Tuesday to keep supporting Bashar al-Assad, calling him Syria's legitimate president and blaming the United States for the war that has raged on for nearly 19 months.

"How can I not support the government of Bashar al-Assad if it is the legitimate government of Syria?" asked Chavez, who was re-elected Sunday to a third term.

He called the rebels fighting to oust Assad terrorists.

"Who am I going to back, the terrorists... who run around killing people right and left?" Chavez asked.

The firebrand leftist leader regularly angers the United States with his close ties to Washington's top foes Cuba, Iran and Syria.

Chavez said Syria is enduring a "planned crisis" similar to the war that led to the overthrow of Moamer Kad-

hafi in Libya.

"The government of the United States is one of the parties most to blame for this disaster" in Syria, he added. "Now, Mr Obama, if you are re-elected, sit back and reflect, and the governments of Europe should do the same."

He praised Russia and China for blocking three UN Security Council resolutions that threatened the Assad regime with sanctions if it did not halt the scourge of violence that activists say has already killed more than 32,000 people.

Turning to domestic policy, Chavez urged the opposition to open up a "sincere" debate with him, recognize his achievements and stop trashing his government.

"Of course, there are things we have to change. But the opposition has a doomsday vision of the country. They deny almost everything that the government does," said Chavez.

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This is Aruba In Style's international moda and life style event to be held here in the prestigious Renaissance Mall.

This promises to be a unique experience for Shopping in your favorite Renaissance Aruba Mall Boutique. Fashion & Cocktails Night Out is a premier retail shopping event to take place on November 1st on a national level.

The event will be the opportunity for social encounters with all fashion enthusiasts and Aruba in general. They will all converge to

enjoy a day of special discounts, see models, live DJ's, cocktails, hors d'ouvres and so much more from boutiques, perfumeries, restaurants, beauty salon and spa's.

On November 1st, from 10:00 in the morning to 8:00 in the evening the place will resemble New York where shoppers will receive extra special attention, incentive discounts, and champagne, wine and chocolates. There will also be fashion cocktails of Absolut Vodka in an atmosphere of "big city shopping."

The organizers claim to be very positive and excited about the way this event will inspire our own local people. And, they expect business owners to also catch the excitement and hopefully will create a unique ambiance during the week of Aruba In Style 2012.

They will be presenting guests and the international

press will be invited for this Aruba In Style event and special day of sale. Also in attendance will be designers and top models from Brazil, Venezuela and Colombia, who will join with our "locals fashion scene." Aruba In Style is producing this event in an effort to generate more "buzz" during the international moda days here on Aruba.

The special program is collaboration between Aruba In Style, Renaissance Aruba Mall, and other establishments and our media partners. The general public is cordially invited to come out for this 2nd annual "Fashion & Cocktails Night Out" on November 1st.

For more information, please contact 588-2982 or visit them personally at Aruba In Style offices in the Renaissance Aruba Mall.

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Island Xtravaganza 2012 begins at Renaissance Mall & Marketplace



It was announced by Renaissance marketing executives that the third edition of the Renaissance Island Extravaganza began yesterday this week, offering island residents and visitors the opportunity to shop, dine, play and win big over the next 8 weeks. Renaissance Shopping Center Marketing Coordinator Edalitz Weller promises this year will feature "Xtravagant Prizes." The campaign will run simultaneously in both Aruba and

Curacao Renaissance Malls, with identical sets of prizes for each island.

Eight weeks of doing holiday shopping at the numerous stores within the Renaissance Mall or Marketplace on Aruba will result in raffle tickets for every purchase of 25 Aruban florins. The same holds true for the Rif Fort Mall in Curacao. Tickets should be placed in the tumblers distributed throughout the centers. The grand prize: a 2012 Hyundai

Sonata from Garage Central.

Twice weekly, there will be a drawing for a 500 florin gift certificate good at the Renaissance Mall or Marketplace.

The final drawing will be at the Island Xtravaganza event in Oranjestad on December 1, at 9:00 PM. Other prizes awarded will be:

- 7 day cruise for 2 including airfare
- Trip for 2 to New York
- Trip for 2 to Curacao
- \$1000 Renaissance Mall and Marketplace Gift Certificate

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Deadline for placing raffle coupons in the tumblers is 8:00 PM on December 1; they will not be accepted after.

Of particular interests to vacationers participating in the



raffle is a special drawing for a trip for 2 back to Aruba, including airfare and hotel. The drawings will be the highlight of the 12-hour grand finale at the Renaissance Marketplace featuring a food festival, cultural carnival show, live entertainment and fireworks. Winners should be present during the raffle to claim prizes, and carry a valid ID.

Players at the Seaport and Crystal Casinos can also use their member cards to accumulate points towards raffle coupons. Every 25 points results in a raffle ticket, as well as combinations, per table

game rules.

Participating Renaissance Mall and Marketplace shops are open six days a week from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and some on Sunday; shoppers will be rewarded with double raffle coupons when shopping between 6:00 and 8:00 PM.

For more information on prizes and Island Extravaganza Rules, visit the Renaissance Mall and Marketplace websites: www.shoprenaissancearuba.com or www.arubacrystalcasinos.com. Visit their Facebook page and become a fan to receive updates on special offers and more opportunities to win.

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International News

US: N. Korea should stop 'bragging' about missiles

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Impoverished North Korea should stop bragging about its missile capability and instead ensure it feeds its own people, a top US official said Tuesday.

Reacting to Pyongyang's claims that it possessed rockets capable of striking the US mainland, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said North Korea should realize threats and provocation will achieve nothing.

"That's only going to undermine their efforts to get back in the conversation with the international community," Nuland said.

"Rather than bragging about its missile capability, they ought to be feeding their own people," she told journalists.

While Nuland refused to discuss whether the United States was taking Pyongyang's claims seriously, analysts have largely dismissed them as bluster.

In a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), a spokesman for the North's National Defense Commission said the military had "strategic rocket forces" with a "scope of strike" that not only covered US and South Korean bases in South Korea, "but also Japan, Guam and the US mainland."

The comments came after South Korea announced on Sunday a deal with the United States to almost triple the range of its missiles to 800 kilometers (500 miles) to cover the whole of North Korea.

Gates to focus on charity, rules out presidency



ABU DHABI (AFP) - Microsoft co-founder turned global philanthropist Bill Gates said Tuesday that he will focus on charity rather than running for US presidency.

"I wouldn't ever choose to run for political office," said Gates at the annual Abu Dhabi Media Summit held in the Emirati capital.

By running the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation "I don't have to raise political

campaigns, I don't have to get elected ... I'm not term limited to eight years," said the US billionaire, but added that he would give "advice" to the president just as he gave to Microsoft.

"Right now, I am spending more of my time and effort to end polio than any other cause. It's the top priority of our foundation," he said in his opening speech at the media gathering.

"We can end polio. And when we do, it will rejuvenate the whole field of global health," he said, adding that the dreaded disease has "dropped more than 99 percent over the last 20 years."

Gates said the foundation he co-chairs has pledged to spend \$10 billion in this decade to pay for research and development and delivery of vaccines to the poorest children in the world.

He said the Gulf region could play a key role in fighting poverty and diseases.

"One of the things that makes this region so special is the way tradition and change exist side by side," said Gates.

"You combine rising prosperity and a commitment to education with a deep custom of charity, in keeping with the

teachings of Islam."

On Monday, his foundation announced a new partnership with the Islamic Development Bank to provide financing for agriculture and malaria, and to work together to fight polio.

"Many imams are strong advocates for vaccination. After all, people making hajj (the annual Muslim pilgrimage) must be vaccinated against multiple diseases, including polio," Gates said.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation funds health and anti-poverty projects in developing countries, including malaria research and vaccination programmes, and works with the poor in the United States.

Through the foundation, built on his software fortune, Gates has committed more than \$2.5 billion in HIV grants to organisations around the world.

It has also committed more than \$1.4 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the foundation said in a report in July.

The three-day 2012 Abu Dhabi Media Summit brings together over 400 leaders from across the global media industry.



EGYPT, Cairo : Egyptian Coptic Maggie Gobran known as "Mama Maggie" offers a pair of slippers to a student during a visit to a school in the impoverished Al-Zabballin area in Al-Mukatam neighbourhood of Cairo. Gobran, dubbed the "Mother Teresa" of Cairo's slums, is nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize whose winner will be revealed in Oslo on October 12. (AFP PHOTO)

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Obama, Romney wage a battle over Big Bird



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The battle over Big Bird intensified in the White House race Tuesday, as the towering yellow Muppet beloved by children got pinned down in the nasty crossfire between Mitt Romney and Barack Obama.

Obama unveiled a new ad jabbing Romney over his vow to cut the subsidy for US public television, home of Big Bird's stomping ground "Sesame Street" if he is elected on November 6.

"Mitt Romney knows it's not Wall Street you have to worry about, it's Sesame Street," the ad said, jokingly

describing Big Bird as the "evil genius" towering over financial felons like Ken Lay and Bernie Madoff.

"Mitt Romney. Taking on our enemies, no matter where they nest," the announcer of the television ad, says pressing home Obama's contention that Romney, a former venture capitalist, would let Wall Street run wild.

Romney responded by feigning puzzlement about why Obama would dwell on such a triviality exactly four weeks before election day.

"These are tough times, with real serious issues. So you have to scratch your head when the president spends the last week talking about saving Big Bird," Romney said at a rally in Iowa.

Romney said in a debate in Denver last week that "I like PBS. I like Big Bird," but nevertheless pledged to cut the subsidy for the station as part of spending reductions he plans if he is elected president in November.

Obama did not pick up on the comment during his lethargic debate performance,

but has since made Big Bird, who helped many Americans learn to read as tots, as a feature of his stump speech.

His spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters aboard Air Force One on Tuesday: "there is only one candidate in this race who is going to fight for Big Bird and Elmo and he is riding on this plane."

Psaki also made what the Obama campaign sees as a serious point about Romney's failure to provide concrete examples in the debate about what he would do to trim the US budget deficit.

"When Mitt Romney was given the opportunity to lay out how he would address the deficit ... his first offering was to cut the funding for Big Bird."

Sesame Workshop, maker of Sesame Street, said meanwhile it was a nonpartisan, non profit organizations, and had asked that the ad, which features footage of the furry Muppet, be taken down.

Psaki said the Obama campaign had received the request and was reviewing its options on the ad, which is running on national cable stations.

US slams 'barbaric' attack on Pakistan child activist

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States on Tuesday denounced a "barbaric" and "cowardly" Taliban attack on a Pakistani teenage children's rights activist, who was shot in the head on her school bus.

"We strongly condemn the shooting of Malala. Directing violence at children is barbaric, it's cowardly, and our hearts go out to her and the others who were wounded, as well as their families," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

Malala Yousafzai, 14, who led a campaign for the right to an education in the militants' former stronghold of Swat, is fighting for her life after the attack in which two other girls were wounded.

She was flown to the northwestern city of Peshawar where a team of senior doctors said she was in a critical condition.

Malala won international recognition for highlighting Taliban atrocities in Swat with a blog for the BBC three years ago, when Islamist mil-

itants burned girls' schools and terrorized the valley.

Tuesday's shooting in broad daylight in Mingora, the main town of the Swat valley, raises serious questions about security more than three years after the army claimed to have crushed a Taliban insurgency.

Taliban spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan told AFP the Islamist group carried out the attack after repeatedly warning Malala to stop speaking out against them.

"She is a Western-minded girl. She always speaks against us. We will target anyone who speaks against the Taliban," he said by telephone from an undisclosed location.

Yousafzai received the first-ever national peace award from the Pakistani government last year, and was nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize by advocacy group KidsRights Foundation in 2011.

Lady Gaga donates peace prize to Aids charity

REYKJAVIK (AFP) - Lady Gaga said on Tuesday she would donate a peace prize given to her by artist and activist Yoko Ono to Elton John's Aids charity.

"I will be donating this grant to the Elton John Aids Foundation and I will be working closely with them to ensure that the money goes specifically to those orphaned and disadvantaged youth in America born with HIV or AIDS," she said in her acceptance speech.

The LennonOno Grant For Peace is a biennial award handed out by Yoko Ono, the widow of former Beatles star John Lennon.

Ono told AFP that she wanted to honour Gaga for her work campaigning for gay rights.

Gaga is "powerful" and "it's great that she is using her power to do other things than just singing," she said.

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Israel PM calls early election

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday called an early general election, saying it should be held "as quickly as possible" in a bid to avoid damaging the Jewish state's flagging economy.

"My duty as prime minister is to put the national interest before everything, and so I've decided that for the good of Israel we must go to an election now as fast as possible," he told a press conference, broadcast live on Israel's main television and radio stations.

"For the state of Israel, it is preferable to have a short election period of three months than a long election campaign which would last a whole year, and hurt Israel's economy," Netanyahu said.

Elections for Israel's 19th

parliament had been due to take place in October 2013 but the Israeli leader moved to bring forward the date after failing to garner the support of coalition partners for an unpopular austerity budget which must be passed by the end of this year.

Although he did not set a date for the election, Israeli press reports suggested it would be in late January or mid February.

"I finished my talks with party leaders in the coalition and I reached the conclusion that at this time, it is not possible to pass a responsible budget," he said.

"We are facing an election year and unfortunately, in an election year, it is difficult for parties to put the national interest over party interests," he said.



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Health & Living

350 million people have depression in world: WHO



GENEVA (AFP) - More than 350 million people suffer from depression globally, the World Health Organization said, ahead of World Mental Health Day today.

The word "depression" is often used to describe both sadness which is short term and a normal reaction to a life circumstance (e.g., not making rank). Depression also describes a serious psychiatric disorder.

Depression is a very real medical and psychological condition

"It is not a disease of developed countries, it is a global phenomenon. It's present in both genders and in rich and poor populations," Dr Shekhar Saxena, head of the WHO's

mental health and substance abuse department, told reporters in Geneva.

No region is free from the disorder and around five percent of the world's population suffers depression in the course of a year, the health expert said.

Fifty percent more women suffer symptoms than men, said Saxena, who added that post-natal depression affected one in five mothers and one in 10 of all young mothers in the developed world.

According to the UN's global health arm, depression is more than just a bout of the blues, rather a "sustained feeling of sadness for two weeks or more" which interferes with "work, school or home".

At its worst, depression can lead to suicide, the WHO expert said, citing a "very clear correlation".

Nearly one million people take their lives every year and more than half of them have depression, Saxena said, although he noted that it was not the sole cause.

"Depression has existed for centuries, the news is, we're not doing anything about it," said Saxena, noting that the shame associated with having the illness meant that fewer than half of those with depression received the care they need.

The figure dropped to less than 10 percent in many countries, he added.

Effective treatment was available, Saxena said, but health workers needed to do more to spot the signs of depression in people who complained of other symptoms, particularly in children as young as 12 and young adults who they did not expect to have the illness.

One of the best ways to treat depression was to talk openly about it, the WHO said, adding that medicine was not the only solution.

"It should not be taken for granted that depression means taking pills," Saxena said.

RECOGNIZE THE SYMPTOMS:

- Diminished concentration
- Lack of energy
- Low self esteem
- Restlessness, irritability or easily agitated
- Thoughts of suicide
- Increase in unsafe behaviors
- Decrease in personal hygiene
- Insomnia

Indonesia school expels raped pupil: activist

JAKARTA (AFP) - An Indonesian school has expelled a 14-year-old girl, claiming she "tarnished" the institution's image after she was raped by a trafficking syndicate, a child rights activist said Tuesday.

Arist Merdeka Sirait, chairman of the National Commission for Child Protection, said a private school just outside Jakarta expelled the teenager during a ceremony attended by pupils on Monday.

A teacher told the girl she had "tarnished the school's image", said Sirait. "The school has worsened her trauma by humiliating her in front of hundreds of school-mates," he told AFP.

The commission has sent a letter of protest to the school's management and will also write to the education ministry, asking them to review its licence, said Sirait.

"The girl was the victim of child trafficking. The school should have helped her to cope with her trauma," he said.

Sirait said the teenage girl was contacted through Facebook by a member of a trafficking syndicate that imprisoned her for a week last month.

"The school failed to ensure child rights for access to education," he said.

The school could not be reached for comment.

Father euthanised his paralysed daughter, tries suicide

ZAGREB (AFP) - Unable to bear his paralysed daughter's suffering, a Croat man helped her die and then tried to commit suicide, state news agency Hina reported.

The man from Sisak, near the capital Zagreb, gave his 23-year old daughter, bed-ridden for more than three years, a "large quantity" of unspecified pills and cut one of her wrists early Monday, the agency said, quoting the police.

He then tried to commit suicide himself and was later hospitalised. His condition was described as serious, the agency said.

Neighbours called the police and emergency services but the daughter died as she was brought into the hospital.

Local media reported that the young woman became "totally paralysed" three years ago after undergoing brain surgery aimed at curing painful headaches.

Before the surgery, she was a model, neighbours told the daily Jutarnji list.

Assisted suicide is treated as second-degree murder in Croatia and is punishable to up to eight years in prison.

New criminal law, which will come into force in January 2013, six months before Croatia is to join the European Union, also bans euthanasia, but foresees shorter sentences of up to three years in prison.



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Sci-Tech

Iran could make the bomb within 10 months



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Iran could produce enough weapons-grade uranium to make an atomic bomb within two to four months and then would need an additional eight to 10 months to build the device, experts announced.

The authors of a new report on Iran's nuclear program say Tehran has made progress in its uranium enrichment effort but that the United States and UN weapons inspectors would be able to detect any attempt at a "breakout" -- at least for the moment.

The report, released by the Institute for Science and International Security, offers estimates on uranium stockpiles and enrichment rates based on figures from inspections of Iran's program by the UN watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

To amass the 25 kilograms of highly-enriched uranium needed for one nuclear weapon, Iran "would require at least 2-4 months," the report.

To reach that goal, Iran would have to draw on its ura-

nium enriched to 3.5 percent as well as stocks of 20 percent enriched uranium, it said.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said on September 11 that the United States would have about a year to take action if Iran decided to build a nuclear weapon.

Despite repeated accusations from Western countries and critical findings from UN inspectors, Iran insists its nuclear program is designed purely for peaceful purposes.

The United States is under pressure from Israel to set a precise deadline for military action but prefers for now to pursue a course of ever tighter sanctions to try to force Tehran to the negotiating table.

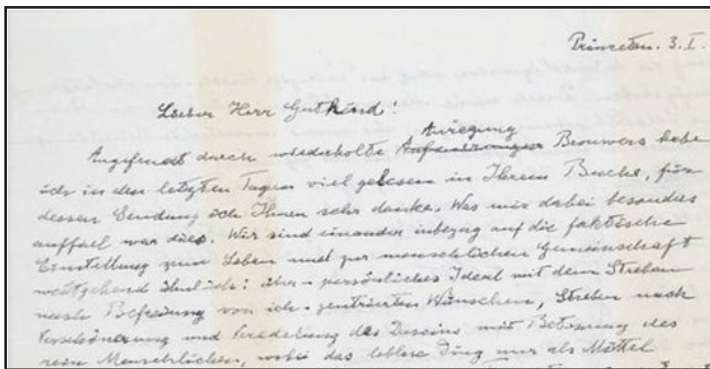
Iran denies it is seeking atomic weapons, maintaining that its nuclear program is for civilian energy purposes.

Once Iran possesses enough weapons-grade material for a bomb, it would be extremely difficult for UN monitors or outside countries to determine if Tehran had built a nuclear device, the report said.



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Auction for Einstein 'God Letter' Opens with Anonymous \$3 Million Bid



An eBay auction for an original letter handwritten by Albert Einstein in which he expresses his views on the existence of God opened on Monday, and in about 10 minutes an anonymous bidder named o***h had placed the first offer at the opening price of \$3 million.

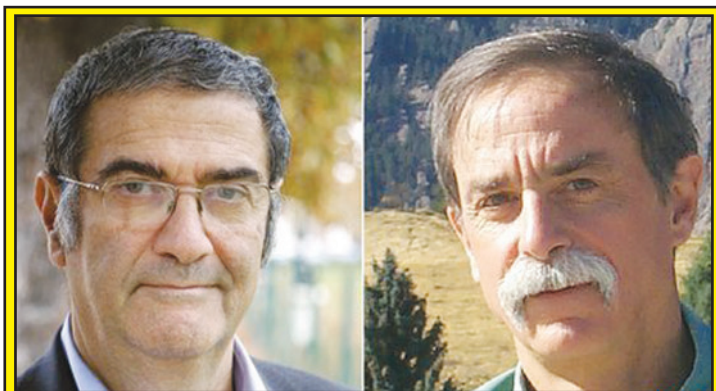
In the letter, Einstein calls belief in religion and God "pretty childish" and ridicules the idea that the Jews are a

chosen people.

Einstein handwrote the let-

ter in German to Jewish philosopher Eric B. Gutkind on Jan. 3, 1954, a year before Einstein's death. The letter was a response to Gutkind's book "Choose Life: The Biblical Call to Revolt" (1952, H. Schuman; 1st edition).

The "God" letter will be up for auction for 10 days; anyone interested (with the money to spare) can make an eBay bid here.



STOCKHOLM - Serge Haroche of France and David Wineland of the US won the Nobel Physics Prize on Tuesday for their work on measuring and manipulating individual particles while preserving their quantum-mechanical nature. The pair were honoured for "ground-breaking experimental methods that enable measuring and manipulation of individual quantum systems," the jury said in its citation. Their "quantum optics" work deals with single photons and ions, the basic units of light and matter. It could lead to advanced modes of communication and computation. Serge Haroche of France and David Wineland of the US will share the prize, worth 8m Swedish kronor (£750,000; \$1.2m).

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9. Entire sum
14. Vesuvius's output
15. Diva's time to shine
16. Press agent's concern
17. Tavern brews
18. Moon trench
19. Temptress
20. Air outlet
21. Rembrandt and da Vinci, e.g.
23. Value highly
25. Grandfather of Omar
26. Grates
28. Acts like Teflon
33. Building timbers

36. Songwriter

36. Songwriter Harbach
38. Missouri River Indian
39. Go-between
41. "It's Not ___"
43. Well, to Pierre
44. Not fat
46. Forgo a tip
47. Once in a great while
49. Oregon's capital
51. Type of tide
53. "Lily White" author Susan
57. Kitchen VIP
62. Cut off
63. Permit
64. "Who goes there?" precursor
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66. Attic market

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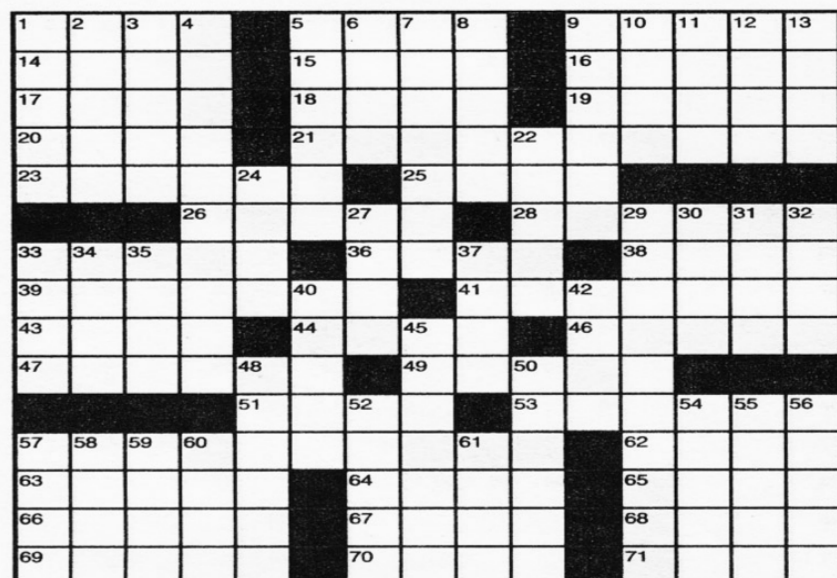
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68. Idyllic place
69. Gob's companion
70. Betelgeuse, for one
71. Take a break

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1. Indentured servant
2. "___ of My Landlord" (Sir Walter Scott)
3. Happening
4. Hasbro peg game
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6. Type of iris
7. Baby shampoo's claim, perhaps

8. "The Wild ___"

8. "The Wild ___" (Faulkner)
9. Sneeze ease
10. Leave out
11. Empty trailer weight
12. Field: Lat.
13. Camera eye
22. Exodus figure
24. "___ of Eden"
27. Ruminant
29. Job for Benjamin Franklin
30. Needle holder.
31. Package of bread
32. One's person
33. ___ Gordon (Batgirl)
34. Cleveland's waterfront
35. Genesis shepherd
37. Sashimi fish
40. Oft-foiled Fudd
42. Utilizes
45. "The ___ Jungle"
48. Like many city streets
50. Suffix for shop or weight
52. Post-workout feelings
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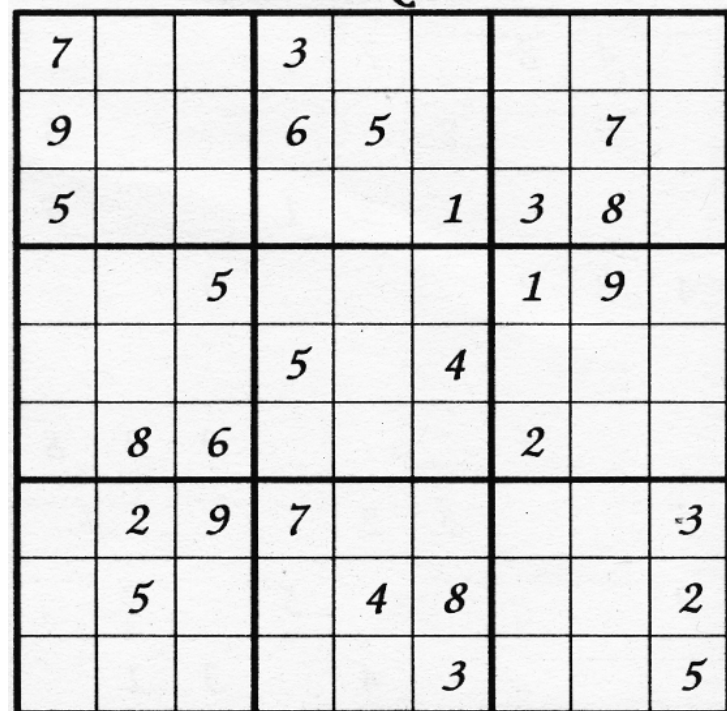
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Finance

Oil prices jump on Mideast tensions

NEW YORK (AFP) - Crude oil prices rebounded Tuesday, lifted by supply worries amid Middle East tensions, especially between Syria and Turkey.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for November, closed at \$92.39 a barrel, up a hefty \$3.06 from Monday's close.

In London trade, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in November jumped \$2.68 to settle at \$114.50 a barrel.

Although concerns about global economic growth and demand weighed on US and European stock markets, the oil market finished sharply higher.

"The only time when you are going to see oil straight up and stocks straight down is on a geopolitical risk story, so I believe that's what this is," said Rich Illczyszyn at iiTrader.

The analyst cited "escalat-

ing tensions between Turkey and Syria, as we get closer to some potential war there."

NATO head Anders Fogh Rasmussen on Tuesday warned against the dangers of the conflict in Syria escalating, saying alliance member Turkey had shown commendable restraint in response to shelling of its border area.

Syrian shells last week killed five people in a Turkish border village, sparking a series of retaliatory strikes.

On Tuesday the oil market shrugged off bearish comments by Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi.

"We will provide the markets with what they need," Naimi told reporters on the sidelines of a ministerial meeting in Riyadh. "We will work to moderate prices."

Addressing fellow ministers, Naimi warned that rising oil prices would affect eco-

nomie growth across the globe, mainly in developing economies.

"Oil prices rose in March to levels not seen since 2008, which may adversely affect the global economy, particularly the economies of developing nations and emerging countries, as well as negatively impact global oil demand," he said.

Crude futures had fallen on Monday after the International Monetary Fund and World Bank slashed their 2012 growth forecasts, raising concerns about oil demand.

The IMF cut its forecast for Chinese economic growth this year to 7.8 percent, while the World Bank said it expected the world's second-largest economy and biggest energy consumer to grow at a slower-than-expected 7.7 percent.

France, Britain agree on government stakes in proposed EADS/BAE merger

PARIS (AFP) - France and Britain have agreed that total state holdings in a merged EADS and BAE Systems would be limited to 18 percent, sources close to negotiations said on Tuesday.

Germany's position regarding the agreement was not yet known, the sources added.

EADS said earlier in the day that France and Britain had made significant progress on a major sticking point that had bogged down talks on tying up the major aviation and defence companies in recent days.

France currently owns 15 percent of the European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company and intends to hold onto its stake.

That would leave it with nine percent of a group that emerged from a tie up with BAE Systems.

Germany has obtained ap-

proval to also own nine percent of the new company, which would become the biggest aerospace and defence group in the world.

Britain does not intend to own equity in the group, but all three countries would be able to block an investor that sought to own more than 15 percent.

Britain wants to ensure that excessive state holdings

do not compromise the strong position that BAE Systems currently has within the US defence market, the world's biggest.

France has reserved its right to increase its holding in the future, but under the mooted deal with Britain, if Germany acquires a nine-percent stake that would represent the upper limit for both Berlin and Paris.

Shipping line Maersk halts Iran operations

COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Maersk Line, the world's biggest shipping company that is part of group A.P. Moeller-Maersk, said on Tuesday that

it has stopped operations into and out of Iran.

"Due to a combination of EU sanctions as well as strengthened US sanctions, it is no longer possible for Maersk Line to conduct business in the country and has ceased operations into and out of Iran for the foreseeable future," said John Churchill, a spokesman for the company.

The decision comes as the Iranian economy seems to be under increasing pressure from international sanctions aimed at curbing Tehran's nuclear programme.

The Iranian rial has lost about two thirds of its value in the past 15 months, and Iran's foreign reserves are believed to have dropped by tens of billions of dollars this year.


Maersk Tankers, another unit within the Danish conglomerate, said in February that it had ceased doing business in Iran.

Airbus unveils \$3.5 bn order from Turkish Airlines

PARIS (AFP) - Turkish Airlines has ordered 15 Airbus A330-300 long-range jets in the carrier's 20th deal with Airbus, the European aircraft manufacturer said on Tuesday.

The latest order has a catalogue value of 3.5 billion dollars (2.7 billion euros), an Airbus statement said, though such transactions are regularly done at discounts.

It is Turkish Airlines' seventh order of A330 planes, a twin-engine jet that carries from 250 to 300 passengers and is well-suited for medium- and long-distance flights from the carrier's hub in Istanbul.



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Merkel tells Greece to stay the course amid austerity anger

ATHENS (AFP) - German Chancellor Angela Merkel told Greece on Tuesday that the "tough path" of painful spending cuts will pay off, as tens of thousands of protesters massed in the capital in a show of anger against her visit to the eurozone's most indebted nation.

Police fired tear gas to disperse protesters attempting to storm a barricade just blocks away from where Merkel was meeting with Greek Prime Minister Antonio Samaras, while small gangs of masked youths threw bottles at riot police.

While the German leader hailed the progress of reforms undertaken by Athens, 30,000 protesters brandishing banners reading "You are not welcome, Imperialisten Raus" (Imperialists out) or "No to the Fourth Reich" vented their anger against the budgetary discipline preached by the German leader.

Vilified for the punishing spending cuts imposed in recession-hit Greece, Merkel, the leader of Europe's paymaster, is on her first visit to the country since the eurozone debt crisis erupted al-

most three years ago.

Merkel has become a hate figure in Greece over the tough spending cuts imposed on the country in return for promised loans and debt relief worth about 347 billion euros (\$448 billion).

She has even been depicted as Adolf Hitler in Greek tabloid caricatures.

On her first visit to Greece in five years, Merkel said: "I am deeply convinced that this tough path is worth it and Germany wants to be a good partner."

"A lot has been achieved. There is still a lot to do and Germany and Greece will work very closely together."

"These problems cannot be solved with one wave of a magic wand or one measure...it will be a long way but I believe that we will see light at the end of the tunnel," Merkel said.

Samaras, a conservative who took office after elections in June, responded: "Greece is determined to keep its promises and overcome the crisis... the Greek people are bleeding right now, but they are determined to win the battle of competitiveness."

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Chavez victory brings cheers and tears



CARACAS (AFP) - Hugo Chavez supporters poured into the streets of Caracas, cheering, dancing and setting off fireworks after their socialist hero won a new term as president.

But the mood was somber at the headquarters of opposition candidate Henrique Capriles, where the prospect of another six years under the polarizing president brought tears and heartbreak.

Thousands of people massed in front for the Miraflores presidential palace following the results of Sunday's election gave Chavez a clear victory after almost 14 years in power.

A red sea of Chavez supporters waved Venezuela's yellow, blue and red flag as they waited for the president to speak to them from the balcony of Miraflores.

The rumors of a Chavez victory had already filtered in social media before the official results were announced. Supporters had gathered around cars to listen to the National Electoral Council officially declare Chavez the winner.

"How could we not thank him? How could we not be with the revolution?" asked 32-year-old government worker Alfredo Salcedo, who was holding his son's hand.

"Look, the president has given lots of opportunities to people. I will continue with the president as long as God gives him life and health," he said, referring to the president's battle with cancer.

When Chavez appeared on the palace balcony, exulting "Viva Venezuela!", the throngs erupted with chants of "ooh, aah, Chavez won't go!"

and "Chavez, friend, the people are with you!"

While Chavez has developed a devout following, the former paratrooper has alienated a good part of the population.

Chavez won 54.66 percent of the ballots but 44.73 percent voted for Capriles, the opposition's best score against the president, highlighting the fractured nature of the South American nation.

The result drew gasps of disbelief Capriles supporters who were convinced that the former state governor could give them their elusive victory.

"I can't believe it," said Andres Marcano, 19, who was among the Capriles supporters gathered outside the opposition's campaign headquarters. "I don't know what I'll do with my life. This country has no future."

"I am disappointed, devastated," said Daniela Torrealba, 33, who wore a necklace with the Capriles campaign slogan "There is a path" and the same baseball cap in Venezuela's colors worn by the candidate.

"I don't understand," the health worker said.

But some found comfort in Capriles's promise to continue serving Venezuela, noting that he was backed by 6.3 million voters in the election compared to 7.7 million for Chavez.

"I'm disappointed but not defeated," said Rosana Gonzalez, a 25-year-old student. "I continue to believe in his project for the country."



LA PAZ (AFP) - A copy of the handwritten diary that Che Guevara, the Argentine-born Cuban revolution hero, kept before his death in the mountains of Bolivia is now available online. "The goal is for a historical document to be within everyone's reach. And the Internet makes it possible for everyone to know what happened 45 years ago," said Bolivian researcher Carlos Soria Galvarro. The diary, posted on Soria Galvarro's website www.chebolivia.org, was penned in blue ink from January to October 1967, a period when Guevara was on an ill-fated campaign to ignite a peasant revolution in Bolivia. He was killed October 8, 1967 by Bolivian troops. Guevara's diary was turned over to Cuba, which published it in 1968. But the published texts contained changes from the original manuscript, sometimes to clean up Che's rawer language. "Now everyone can see a virtual image of what he wrote in his handwriting," Soria Galvarro explained.



VIENNA (AFP) - Have you ever wanted to enjoy a live concert without leaving the comfort of your own living room? Now is your chance. Vienna's venerable Konzerthaus is bringing musicians right into its audience's homes under the title "Rent a musician," to publicise its new contemporary concert series this season. For one night on October 12, music lovers will be able to book a 20-minute "house concert" -- at home or at the location of their choice -- performed by members of the Viennese contemporary ensemble PHACE. The choices on offer include an accordion and clarinet duo, guitar and percussion, a trio of cello, contrabass and saxophone, and a solo piano performance -- although the piano will have to be provided. A small donation is enough to secure one of the 20 mini-concerts performed that night.

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Golf: McIlroy and Woods lose on opening day of World Golf Final

BELEK, Turkey (AFP) - Organisers of the \$5.2m World Golf Final now face an anxious time after the world's leading two golfers, Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods, were beaten in Tuesday's opening round at the Turkish resort of Belek.

World No. 1 McIlroy played his closing five holes on the Sultan Course in a horror seven-over par for an eventual round of a five-over par 75 to lose to American rival Matt Kuchar who shot a one-under par 70.

It was both McIlroy and Kuchar's first competitive round of golf since last month's Ryder Cup.

McIlroy had WTA World

No. 10 ranked girlfriend Caroline Wozniacki walking the course with him but it failed to lift the 23-year-old Northern Irishman.

McIlroy had gone ahead at the first with a par but after Kuchar birdied the second that was the closest the double Major Champion got to the current World No. 15.

Kuchar made the turn two shots ahead and while McIlroy was one-under par from the 10th to the 14th holes he finished triple bogey, double bogey, double bogey and par.

Kuchar earns a point for his victory and now faces Woods in today morning's second round and Schwartzel in the

afternoon.

Woods began his campaign for the \$US 1.5m first prize cheque with a birdie at the first but found himself two strokes behind his fellow Masters winner when Woods triple bogeyed after finding water off the tee and then three-putting.

Their match was all-square coming down the last but Woods then sent his second shot into a back greenside bunker from where the 14-time Major winner took bogey to lose by a shot with a round of 70 to Schwartzel's 69.

Victorious Ryder Cup colleagues Lee Westwood and Justin Rose head Group 1 with Westwood accounting for U.S.

Open champion, Webb Simpson with a round of 72 compared to Simpson's 73.

Westwood had been three shots behind Simpson at the turn but there match was all even after 13 holes.

Simpson went ahead at 16 but Westwood birdied 17 when he chipped in and then won his match when his American opponent bogeyed the last.

Rose defeated Hunter Mahan by four strokes with a round of 71 to Mahan's 75.

Mahan failed to birdie any of his holes against Rose who is returning to competition also after the Ryder Cup and having spent a week relaxing with close friend Ian Poulter at Albany in the Bahamas.

Felix Baumgartner cancels space jump

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - An Austrian daredevil's attempt to make an unprecedented leap from the edge of space was aborted Tuesday moments before the planned launch due to high winds, organizers said.

Felix Baumgartner was already installed in the pressurized capsule, and a five-minute countdown had been started, but as it reached zero it became clear that conditions were too gusty.

The huge, gossamer-thin balloon which was to have taken him aloft could be seen buffeted by the winds at the launch site in Roswell, New Mexico.

Retired US Air Force Colonel Joseph Kittinger, who holds three of the records Baumgartner is trying to break, could be seen shaking his head and looking upset in the mission control room.



There was no immediate word on when a new attempt could be made.

The 43-year-old Austrian aims to break at least three records by conducting the highest and fastest freefall jump, from 23 miles (36 kilometers) up, and by becoming the first human to break the sound barrier without an aircraft.

Baumgartner has been training for five years for the jump,

during which he will be in freefall for some five minutes before opening a parachute at 5,000 feet up to float back to the ground.

The biggest danger he faces is spinning out of control, which could exert G forces and make him lose consciousness. A controlled dive from the capsule is essential, putting him in a head-down position to increase speed.

He hopes to set a number of

records: the first man to break the speed of sound, around 690 mph; the highest ever jump -- over three times the average airliner cruising altitude -- and the fastest speed in freefall.

Baumgartner has broken several records in the past, notably with spectacular base jumps from the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur and the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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Football: More corruption cases could unfold

MILAN (AFP) - Italian football's sporadic affair with match-fixing and corruption may be about to reveal more dirty secrets, according to the country's chief of police.

Italy's Serie A league, once considered one of the best in the world, has been rocked by several affairs involving players, coaches, officials and betting rings in the past several years.

Current league leaders and champions Juventus were stripped of the titles they won in 2005 and 2006 because of their role in a match-fixing affair.

And earlier this year the Italian national team's plans to start Euro 2012 on a high note were upset when several clubs and players were snared in a sports-betting affair which led to sanctions for both coaches and players.

Italian chief of police Antonio Manganelli says more revelations could be on the way, according to ANSA.

Manganelli, speaking at an Interpol conference in Rome, gave no details but said: "Other developments could be on the way and they will give us more answers, answers that could be even more sensational."

Juventus head coach Antonio Conte is currently serving a touchline ban for failing to disclose knowledge of rigged matches during his time at Siena in the 2010-11 season.

Last week Serie A club Napoli also came under scrutiny after the country's Finance Police raided the club in relation to suspicions of financial foul play.

The raid was carried out by Italy's Guardia di Finanza, a wing of the armed forces which deals with financial crime and smuggling and comes under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

Police took away a number of documents from the club which relate to an investigation into transfers.

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NFL: Texans defeat Jets to remain unbeaten

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AFP) - Arian Foster ran for a touchdown and Matt Schaub threw for another on Monday, sparking the unbeaten Houston Texans over the New York Jets 23-17 in a National Football League game.

The Texans improved to 5-0, matching the Atlanta Falcons as the NFL's only undefeated teams, while the Jets fell to 2-3, joining Buffalo and Miami one game behind AFC East division-leader New England.

Schaub opened the scoring with a 34-yard touchdown



Kevin Walter #83 of the Houston Texans is tackled after a reception in the first quarter by Ellis Lankster #26

pass to Owen Daniels 3:55 into the game but the Jets answered 6:58 later when Sanchez connected with Jeff Cumberland on a 27-yard touchdown pass.

The Texans took a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter when Foster reached the end zone on a 13-yard run.

Houston's Shayne Graham kicked a 27-yard field goal on the last play of the second quarter to give the Texans a 17-7 half-time lead, then added a 42-yarder in the third quarter to put the visitors ahead 20-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, Jets' kick returner Joe McKnight carried the ball back 100 yards for a New York touchdown, trimming Houston's lead to 20-14.

Graham added a 22-yard field goal 13 seconds before the end of the third quarter to give the Texans a 23-14 advantage but Nick Folk kicked a 21-yard field goal for the Jets to lift New York within 23-17 with 11:55 remaining.

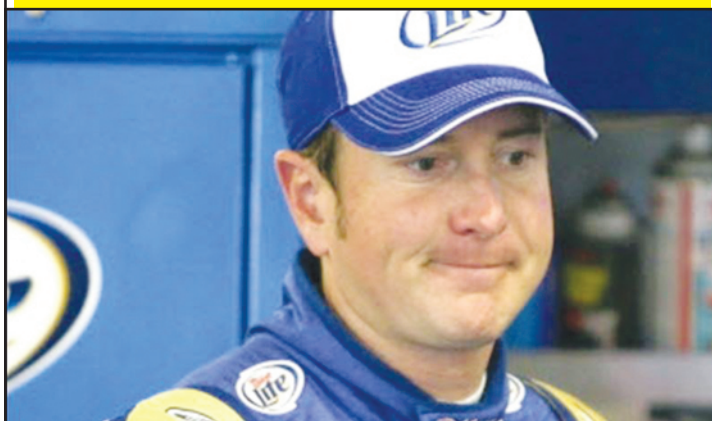
The Jets made a late push for a winning touchdown but a deflected Mark Sanchez pass

was intercepted by Houston cornerback Kareem Jackson with 1:51 remaining to seal New York's fate.



AUSTIN (AFP) - Before the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) has even sent its findings regarding a lifetime doping ban of Lance Armstrong to the International Cycling Union (UCI), the cyclist is attacking the report. Armstrong lawyer Tim Herman has sent a letter to USADA complaining that they should send their entire file of evidence gathered in a probe of Armstrong to the global cycling governing body rather than simply a limited report. The letter says the USADA report could package the information to support its findings, which led to Armstrong being banned from cycling for life and the forfeiture of his seven Tour de France titles from 1999-2005. USADA is expected to send its report to the UCI this week, including what it says are statements from at least 10 witnesses, some of them former Armstrong teammates, saying they saw Armstrong use performance-enhancing substances.

NASCAR won't penalize Kurt Busch



Kurt Busch will not be penalized for his actions Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway, NASCAR has announced. After parking Busch for the remainder of the race and meeting with him afterward, NASCAR decided no further action was necessary. Busch drove away from a NASCAR official and safety crew without his helmet after he ran out of gas and crashed while leading in his final event with Phoenix Racing. Busch said at the time he didn't heed NASCAR's call to stop because he wasn't wearing his helmet and couldn't hear. When Busch drove away, one safety worker was leaning through the right side window opening. A safety worker's bag, which was on the trunk of the car, fell off. It marks another auspicious ending for Busch and a NASCAR team.



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Baseball: The Best of five

ST. LOUIS (AFP) - Carlos Beltran blasted two home runs to power the St. Louis Cardinals over the Washington Nationals 12-4 on Mon-

League divisional series, the Orioles and Yankees move to New York for games and a fifth if necessary on Thursday.



Washington Nationals' Ian Desmond scores behind St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina on a single by Jordan Zimmermann during the second inning of Game 2 of the National League Division

day and level their Major League Baseball playoff series. Deadlocked 1-1 in a best-of-five quarter-final stage showdown, the teams will travel to Washington for games today and Thursday and Friday if necessary.

The Cardinals-Nationals winner will face either

Either the Yankees or Orioles will advance to face Detroit or Oakland in the best-of-seven American League championship series to decide a berth in the World Series final.

Chen, who joined the Orioles this year after seven seasons in Japan with the Chunichi Dragons, won his



New York Yankees' Ichiro Suzuki touches the plate to score against Baltimore Orioles catcher Matt Wieters in the first inning during Game 2 of the American League Division

Cincinnati or San Francisco in a best-of-seven National League championship series to decide a berth in the World Series final.

While in Baltimore, Taiwanese pitcher Chen Wei-Yin baffled New York's powerful batters yesterday, sparking the Baltimore Orioles over the Yankees 3-2 to level their Major League Baseball playoff series.

Deadlocked 1-1 in the best-of-five American

North American playoff debut by outdueling New York's Andy Pettitte, the winningest pitcher in Major League Baseball playoff history.

The Orioles, who had not won a playoff game since 1997, went 29-9 in one-run decisions this season and showed poise under pressure in beating the Yankees, who edged them in the season's last two days for the AL East division crown.



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US college coach Sandusky jailed for life for child sex



PENNSILVANIA , (AFP) - Former Penn State American football coach Jerry Sandusky was sentenced on Tuesday to between 30 and 60 years in prison, in a high-profile child sex case that shocked the country.

At an emotional hearing featuring tearful statements from victims, Judge John Cleland warned 68-year-old Sandusky that he was imposing a prison term that had "the unmistakable impact of being for the rest of your life."

Sandusky was convicted of 45 counts of child sex abuse in June, after a trial in which he was found guilty of molesting 10 children over a 15-year period, meeting them through a charity he founded for troubled youth.

The former coach, clad in a red prison scrubs with the words "Center County" on the back, gave a rambling, 20-minute statement during his sentencing hearing in Belle-

fonte, Pennsylvania.

He spoke about seeing visions on the dank walls of the prison where he has been incarcerated for the past 112 days since his conviction.

"I see me throwing thousands of kids in the air," Sandusky said. "And hundreds of water balloon battles."

Sandusky protested his innocence and did not apologize to his victims.

Prosecutors said Sandusky had all the advantages that should have led to a productive life, but instead spent his time setting up a charity that he used as a vehicle for child sex abuse.

"Instead of being a productive citizen," assistant attorney general Joseph McGettigan told the court, "he worked diligently to construct a mechanism to acquire victims."

Sandusky's attorney, Joe Amendola, asked Cleland to take into account his client's charity work.

Sandusky, who stood accused of molesting 10 boys between 1994 and 2008, allegedly recruited his young victims under the guise of a program he ran for abused and neglected youth.

Eight victims took the stand at his trial, offering graphic testimony about Sandusky's actions, on campus, in hotel rooms and at his home. Another coach told the court he saw Sandusky raping a boy in the showers at Penn State.

The headline-grabbing scandal has also tarnished the legacy of Pennsylvania State University, one of the country's most illustrious college football teams.

The scandal led to the downfall of Penn State's legendary head coach Joe Paterno, a national icon whose fall from grace came just a few weeks before his unexpected death from lung cancer in January at the age of 85.

Paterno was fired in November for failing to notify authorities when he was told Sandusky had been seen molesting a boy in the shower. The university's president, Graham Spanier, was also sacked.

Two other Penn State officials, Tim Curley and Gary Schultz, face trial for lying to a grand jury investigating Sandusky.